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A kiss for victory



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Kim Craitor getting a kiss from his wife Helen, moments after he was declared the winner in the Niagara Falls riding. The Liberal member of provincial parliament is entering his third term at Queen's Park.

Craitor wins close race

Kris Dubé
The Times

Kim Craitor has done it again.

The Liberal incumbent seeking his third term at Queen's Park, to represent the Niagara Falls riding was victorious in Thursday's election.

Craitor defeated Progressive Conservative candidate George Lepp by 551 votes.

With all 268 polls reporting, Craitor was ahead of Lepp, with 16,721 votes compared to 16,170.

NDP candidate Wayne Redekop was third, with 12,233 votes.

At his gathering in Niagara Falls, Craitor held back tears when he addressed a room full of supporters and media.

"It's in my nature, I'm a very emotional person," he said after delivering his victory speech where he listed many individuals who helped him along the campaign trail.

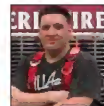
Since it was a much closer race this election, he knows he has to take a "strong message" back to Queen's Park that improvements need to be made in some areas still.

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Craitor says confidence in NHS needs to be restored

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"There are some things our government has to do," said Craitor.

In Fort Erie, the most prominent issue continues to be health care and the freshly re-elected member of provincial parliament hopes Kevin Smith, the supervisor that has been appointed to the Niagara Health System, will answer the many questions residents there have.

"We have to restore the confidence."

Like anyone else who followed the riding's results closely on election night, Craitor was most certainly caught up in the suspense when he and PC candidate George Lepp were very close for hours as the results slowly came in.

“**There are some things our government has to do.”**

— Kim Craitor

"I have to say, I was very nervous... and we had to wait until midnight to know what the results were," said Craitor.

George Lepp, a farmer from Niagara-on-the-Lake was at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls and spoke to the Times when final results had not been tallied, but when he was down by about 400 votes and results from about 30

“**I can't understand why people want more of the same.”**

— George Lepp

polls in the riding remained.

"I can't understand why people want more of the same," said Lepp.

"If they wanted change they would have voted for Tim Hudak and George Lepp."

He agreed it was tight and suspenseful race...one he missed by only 551 votes.

"We got the message out

the best we could," said Lepp.

As the results came in, NDP candidate and former mayor Wayne Redekop thanked a group of about 50 family members, friends and election supporters in an intimate reception at the Italo-Canadian Club.

"To have this many friends to commit to helping me achieve my dream is very touching."

Even though he didn't come out on top, Redekop said he was still proud of everything he has accomplished on the campaign trail.

"I had said if I won the election, I won, but if I lost, I still won because I have all these wonderful friends who have supported me through the campaign."

Redekop spoke to the

Times about the election results and he said he is happy with what his party accomplished.

"From the NDP's perspective, we ran a campaign which focuses on people and staying on the high road. I'm pleased to say we did that."

He said his party has managed to change the way people have voted in the election.

"From what I've seen, the party has significantly increased in popular votes and seats. In the Niagara Falls riding there has been an increase of eight per cent to 30 per cent. We've made a big impact and that's what is important."

Redekop is thankful for the opportunity to be the NDP's candidate for this year's provincial election, but he is not thinking about running in the elec-

tion.

"Right now, I'm on focusing on my current responsibilities."

The Liberals almost had a majority riding but fell one riding short and will have seated 53 MPP's at Queen's Park. The PC's had 31 candidates elected and the NDP's had 17.

Both Tim Hudak and Andrea Horwath were elected in their own respective ridings.

Green party candidate Byrne Smith was fourth with 754 votes and Libertarian Adam Hyde was fifth with 214 votes.

Family Coalition candidate John Jankovic was sixth with 191 votes, while Independent Jeannette Tossounian was seventh with 120 votes and Independent Tim Tredwell was eighth, bringing in 111 votes.

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Niagara Falls Progressive Conservative (PC) candidate George Lepp getting support from Anne-Marie Hudak, mother of PC leader Tim Hudak, at the Scotiabank Convention Centre on Thursday night.



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Cathy Green-Redekop stands with her husband Wayne Redekop at the podium on Thursday night at the Italo-Canadian Club. Redekop was the local NDP candidate in the provincial election. He served as mayor of Fort Erie from 1997 to 2006.



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Company has \$45 million ready to invest into local plant

Kris Dubé
The Times

An environmentally-friendly process manufacturer is hoping to set up shop in Fort Erie, creating upwards of 340 jobs.

The company is Greensafe Demanufacturing Inc. and it has its sights set on a loca-

tion in Fort Erie, west of the overpass on Thompson Road and north of train tracks that run parallel to Philip Street.

But a \$10 million cash infusion to complement the \$45 million investors already have set aside is needed to make the plant a reality.

"With the number of jobs we're bringing to the table, it would warrant an investment of that level," said Greensafe president and chief executive officer Jamal Instrum.

Talks with the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation (EDTC) began

about a year ago, but were stalled when the company faced tribulations with some of its equity partners. Since then, company executives have been able to get the ball rolling again and continue discussions with local officials, which resumed about two months ago.

"We didn't want to come back until we had our funding package together," said Instrum while meeting with the Times on Thursday.

If built, the factory will break down "white goods" such as refrigerators and dishwashers to a new product that can be recycled into other forms like steel and copper.

"We're able to process that

material down to a highly clean, ready state for remanufacturing," he said.

A German company called Adelmann developed this process and Greensafe has since acquired the rights to put it to use in Canada.

Fort Erie's close proximity to the Greater Toronto Area and Buffalo, N.Y., were major selling points for Greensafe to pinpoint the proposed location.

The railroad tracks that run next to the proposed site are also very important and will play a role in the company's functionality, said Instrum.

"We need very good access to rail."

He also knows Fort Erie

would welcome a development of this size, where unemployment is an issue.

"And it's an area that could use 340 jobs," he added.

Not only will this process employ hundreds of people if the government can find a way to contribute \$10 million, but will also help improve the environment one step at a time.

Instrum said the average landfill that only houses waste and doesn't recycle to create a re-usable product costs about \$43 million.

"How is that good for anybody?"

Inside certain items like dishwashers and fridges is insulation foam which can also be turned into another product... a brine solution that is used as a dust and ice repellent on roads, which will be extracted from items

that pass through the plant without any harm to the environment in what Instrum referred to as a closed loop.

"Our output from this plant is effectively another product we can sell," he said.

"It's an extremely clean, green process," he added.

Instrum said the EDT has been instrumental in making this plant a possible reality in the near future, providing the provincial or federal government can come up with some funding.

"We could start tomorrow," he said.

The next steps are waiting for positive news from the governments who may be able to assist with the needed funding.

"We could start tomorrow," said Instrum.

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There has been much press and attention lately focused on the Fort Erie Economic Development & Tourism Corporation (FE-EDTC). I can unequivocally assure you that the proper checks and balances are in place and have been for at least the last ten years. Annually there is an audit conducted by an independent, third party professional firm (Durward Jones Barkwell & Company); and Annual General Meeting, corporate filings and accountability and the Mayor and one member of Council appointed to the Board of Directors (presently Councillor Hill). The complete audit is issued to the Town Treasurer each year and every Board member receives a copy.

Our EDC staff are extremely qualified and experienced. Our General Manager takes direction from a Board of Directors and the Board is accountable annually with a full report. In person, to Council during the budget preparation. While we serve the constituents of Fort Erie generally, our clients and our mandate is the business and investment community, and the Board was very pleased that many business clients, important to Fort Erie, attended council of their own volition recently to express their support of, and recount their experiences with the FE EDC.

The FE/EDTC takes all its matters seriously and should constituents have any concerns or "issues" they have numerous recourse; through the Board, through Council, through the Province and even through the judiciary services if a constituent thinks they have a valid reason. However, nagging innuendo and unfounded accusations just detract from the effort and time the Board and the staff provides in real service to the Town.

Appended are some facts and points of interest that we hope will satisfy legitimate interest or concerns people may have. We are proud of the consistent performance of our staff, bringing jobs and investment to Fort Erie, especially during this difficult period of world-wide economic instability.

Most Sincerely,
Claude Pilato

Claude Pilato – Chairman, Fort Erie EDTC

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With the help of the Fort Erie EDTC, who, among other things, secured funding for economic feasibility analysis, Fleet Canada Inc. was born in Fort Erie, and continues to grow and prosper to this day. As a cutting-edge initiative in municipal economic development, the partnership that was forged between the Fort Erie EDTC and Fleet Canada Inc. has created over 125 jobs, and our company's sales and contracts are encouraging for future employment growth at our Fort Erie facility!"

"As a commercial real estate developer, I have constructed over \$30 million worth of new and successful projects in Fort Erie over the last 10 years. For Erie, as with any municipality, requires a great deal of effort and diligence in launching a new business projects, and the support of the Town of Erie, however, is the presence of an extremely helpful and tenacious Economic Development Corporation staff. Additionally, the Town administration and staff recognize the challenges that various businesses face, invites and nurtures prospective businesses and delivers the answers that we need in a timely fashion and business friendly manner."

Mr. Revijl Kompen - Commercial Developer

The Fort Erie Economic Development Corporation has been instrumental, not only in development and implementing the strategy to secure the future redevelopment of the [Niagara Parks Commission marina] site, but also in supporting my organization's efforts to navigate the development and political landscape in Fort Erie (and Niagara) to allow us to move forward with efforts on the project and ultimately turn the facility into a major tourism and lifestyle attraction".

Mr. Robert O'Dell - Managing Director, Warren Woods

The EDTC is comprised of a five member Board of Directors that control all the EDTC's activities and expenditures. Three members of the Board are selected from a pool of past directors, all of whom were at one time appointed or approved by Council. The other two Board members are always the Mayor and a Councillor appointed by Council. Currently, Councillor John Hill.

The EDTC has both the Mayor and a Councillor (currently Councillor John Hill) who have access to all records, books, budgets, planning information and who participate in every decision made by the Board.

The CAO General Manager is a member of the Town's Senior Management Team. Monthly that team meets and with the CAO to determine how well and how far along the Town's strategic plan in each department and the EDTC are progressing, as well as to share critical information and determine how best to help each other achieve Council's objectives.

The EDTC staff report to the EDTC General Manager, the General Manager reports to the EDTC Board, the Board reports annually, and upon request, to Council. During the Town's annual budgeting process the EDTC Board presents the Corporation's prior years summary of activities, surrenders the previous years annual audited financial statements (conducted by Durward Jones Barkwell & Co. Chartered Accountants).

On a daily operational basis, the EDTC has an open door policy. Anyone with a business interest, idea or issue can (and does) come to the EDTC for advice and counsel. All of the EDTC's governance, financial, membership, mission statement and activities are posted on the EDTC's website www.forteriecanada.com.

The EDTC must, by law, by professional practice and by ethics, keep personal and competitive information about its business clients CONFIDENTIAL. This information is private between the business owner and the EDTC as their advisors. The EDTC cannot ethically disclose this confidential information to the public, including Council at large, unless permitted to by the business, in a manner and at a time of their choosing. The Fort Erie EDTC is recognized throughout the Province for its high level professional ethics and integrity in this regard.

Since 100% of EDTC business deals directly with business and development interests, the EDTC does not conduct open public meetings (doing so would require constantly having to move into and out of closed session – completely inefficient and time consuming). Minutes of EDTC Board meetings are also not made public for the same reason - to protect the business affairs and proprietary and private information business people share with the EDTC in order for the EDTC to service their needs.

ALL Board members, including the Mayor and the sitting Councillor are provided that information and have signed confidentiality agreements to protect the businesses the EDTC is helping as well as the professional integrity of the EDTC and Town.

The Mayor and the Councillor appointed to the EDTC Board (currently Councillor John Hill) are fully aware of all information gathered through, and all of the activities conducted by, and for, and through the EDTC. The Mayor and Councillor approve these activities at each Board meeting and then again collectively, at the EDTC's Annual General Meeting.

FACT IDTC staff take their "marching orders" from the Board of Directors – a Board that includes the Mayor and a sitting

FACT The Board of Directors of the East Side CBDO is composed of ten individuals, including representatives from the community, business, and government.

The Board of Directors of the Fort Erie EDTC is comprised of local business and community stakeholders who volunteer their time in service of the Corporation and two Town of Fort Erie Council designates. The Directors of the EDTC are prohibited from receiving remuneration for their efforts on behalf of the EDTC.

The EDTC solicits input into its annual statement on the economy of the Town of Fort Erie and annual business plans, based upon needs and recommendations from annual and regular meetings with business and development stakeholders (Small Business/Tourism & BIA, www.forterie.com).

FACT The EDTC staff are well educated, very experienced and well respected in the high-tech industry.

development and they and the Board are exceptional advocates for Fort Erie's business community and act as ambassadors for Fort Erie throughout the Region, across the province and internationally when required.

The EDC was created by the Town of Fort Erie and was established in the manner it is so that the Town can better respond, more effectively and more quickly, to business issues and employment matters. The Town created the EDC to do what it could NOT do (as a Municipality) - the Town is prohibited from doing many things, especially creating innovative, creative solutions around business, jobs and investment...by law.

The Town could NOT have caused Fleet Canada to re-open

The Town could NOT have managed the government grants needed to help the Fort Erie Race Track.

The Town could NOT manage the Fort Erie Race Track nor take responsibility for it.

he Town could NOT as effectively represent business and manufacturing needs/issues without conflict

The General Manager of the Fort Erie EDTC is also the CEO of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium (Fort Erie Race Track). As CEO of the FELRC the EDTC General Manager receives no remuneration for his efforts to manage the Fort Erie Race Track and is hundreds of employees who work at the Track and he has undergone in-depth OPP, RCMP and ORC investigations and background checks in order to qualify to manage the Fort Erie Race Track.

"I would like to recognize the efforts of the Fort Erie Town Council and Fort Erie Economic Development & Tourism Corporation for their vision and commitment to building a pro-active healthcare partnership for the residents of Fort Erie. The team at the EDTC were instrumental in bringing all the stakeholders together for the benefit of the community"

"Peninsula Alloy chose Fort Erie as its base of operations because we were able to work closely with the Economic Development & Tourism Corporation and Town of Fort Erie to acquire and expand a strategic property. Since moving to Fort Erie we've doubled our order book and brought on over 35 new employees – which will help us expand our sales globally with exports to China and India". Mr. Roger Heise - President, Peninsula Alloy

"Having had the privilege to work with the Fort Erie Economic Development & Tourism Corporation over the past 7 years, I've truly developed an appreciation for its strategically focused, no-nonsense approach to community based economic development. I have seen firsthand, the incredible results the EDTC has produced for the Town of Fort Erie and its industrial and business leaders". Mr. Kim Craiton, MPP - Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Niagara-On-The-Lake

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our editorial

Congratulations to local boy Hudak

We aren't endorsing a certain political party, but when its provincial leader is a native of our small town it's difficult not to congratulate them on a hard fought battle.

We attended Tim Hudak's event in Niagara Falls on election night and despite the end result, it was remarkable to see how much attention someone from Fort Erie has been getting leading up to the big day.

There were many people who are registered PC members and many who are local residents who have known him since he was very young or have a connection to his parents who are very active in the local community.

Next week, the Times will have a full story about Hudak and his ride along the campaign trail and we hope you will return to hear what he had to say about all of the support he has received in his home town and riding.

The Times would also like to congratulate all the candidates who ran locally.

Anyone who makes a run for political office at all levels of government deserve our appreciation, regardless if you believe in their ideas.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

Thanks to Scott Wright and his mother Carol for calling in to identify George Wright in last week's Do You Remember photo. George, shown on the right, was president of the Jaycees when this boat draw took place in 1965. The boat had just been delivered to the winner whose name we don't know.

We do know that this man

ran the funeral parlour which is now the dollar store in Ridgeway. If anyone remembers his name, please do give us a call.

Thanks as well to Lori (Schinkel) O'Connor who e-mailed us from New York to confirm that she was the girl identified in the Ridgeway Public School photo.

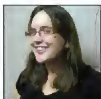
Lori, we are glad this photo

brought back some great memories for you.

This week's photo has a good message for this Thanksgiving season.

If you know any of these people or the reason the photo appeared in the paper, please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or send an e-mail to museum@forterie.on.ca.

Getting to know candidates a great experience



Sarah Ferguson

As a new reporter, it has been an interesting experience to watch each candidates' campaign unfold over the past few months.

I've shaken hands with a few candidates, spoken to a few of them over the

phone and studied each one of them.

Each candidate brought something different to the election table, and all of them had lots to say about health care, employment and education in the Niagara region that could really make a difference.

But, it wasn't surprising to see Kim Craitor quietly tuck away the role of MPP in his pocket once again.

Craitor has been a member of provincial parliament for Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Niagara-

on-the-Lake since 2003 and he has continued his role as MPP with good reason.

Every event in the community from a tiny fundraiser, to a ceremony which honours important people in the community, Craitor can be found shaking hands with the people and greeting them warmly with a smile.

If he is able to attend an important event in the community, Craitor does.

I was responsible for taking on some of the candidates and interviewing them to write

profiles just before the election to inform readers about each candidate — I was responsible for speaking to Craitor.

Instead of taking a 15 minute phone call, Craitor decided he would rather speak to me in person.

I was sure he wanted to speak to me in person to make sure I wrote everything down right — I am still a new reporter after all.

But, he sat down amidst a semi-messy office stacked with papers probably to the ceiling

and for about two hours we just chatted.

When I asked him about it, he took the time to explain the entire situation with the hospital improvement plan and how the hospital closures began in the 90s.

I was surprised someone who has so many places to be, and so many things to do would set aside so much time to speak to me.

I'm positive I made him late for a few meetings, but he didn't leave until I was clear on everything we had spoken

about.

Regardless of party, what voters want is a leader who really does care about the people in the community.

Not everyone may agree with his party — I certainly don't agree with everything the Liberals have done, but I'm happy to say I'm glad to be working with Kim Craitor for the next four years.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 208 or send an email to editorial@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

Speedway is exactly what this town needs, says reader

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on a letter to the Editor from the October 1st edition of The Fort Erie Times titled "Congrats to the EDTC on bringing jobs to town."

While it's nice to see yet another call centre move in above the bingo hall, (is that the third or fourth call centre to move in there in the last 15 years?), it simply astounds me that the author of the letter believes the Infocision Contact Centre "represents a brighter employment situation than anything we could expect to see from a costly new development such as the proposed Canadian Motor Speedway."

The author goes on to say that since Infocision will be utilizing existing space, no costly infrastructure upgrades need to be paid for by the taxpayer, something that would happen before the speedway project goes ahead.

First, as a taxpayer, I would rather see my tax dollars go to costly infrastructure upgrades in Fort

Erie than 90% of where my tax dollars are going right now.

Next, I can't get too excited about any announcement that a new call centre is coming to town that plans on hiring dozens and expects to hire hundreds.

It's happened several times in recent memory and these call centres seem to be quite temporary.

Has any of them lasted more than a couple years? Maybe in some places, but not Fort Erie.

Don't get me wrong, I'm pleased that Infocision has created 35 jobs and plans on boosting that number to 100, but those minimum wage jobs are not even close, not in the same league, not even in the same universe as the hundreds, if not thousands, of well paying construction jobs that the Canadian Motor Speedway project will create. And once the speedway is up and running, there will be hundreds of full time and part time jobs in Fort Erie, not just at the speedway, but the surrounding local businesses that are existing, and those that will be

created as a result of this massive project.

The Canadian Motor Speedway will attract thousands of people that will eat in our restaurants, stay at our hotels, shop at our stores, and perhaps visit our horse race track and beaches while they are here.

How many tourists will the call centre bring to town?

I am a small business owner in Fort Erie, and I welcome major development so my kids will have a future here.

Unfortunately, a small group of residents want this town to be a BANANA Republic (Build Anything? Not Anywhere! Not Anytime!) I simply can't understand the selfish mentality of the residents that want to keep Fort Erie a quiet, small picturesque town.

If they keep opposing development, they will get what they asked for: Fort Erie will become a ghost town....can't get much quieter than that.

Dan Harkins
Fort Erie

The TIMES Asks

How will you be spending your Thanksgiving weekend?



Sandy Penny

"Nothing special planned. I'm just spending time with my family."



Joe Picard

"My granddaughter invited me to dinner. It should be a nice day."



Hilda Armstrong

"Yes, we're going to Peek'n Peak Resort. It's a family thing."



Nancy Hesse

"I'm going to enjoy being with my children, my grandchildren and my husband."

What do you think?

E-mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

Condo project is not how it appears, claims summer resident

Dear Editor,

If it is on the Internet it must be true.

Except in the case of the Crystal Beach Gateway website.

When one views the site, information is changed only when residents opposing the project make it an issue. For

the rest who are not as engaged in this lack of transparency, the distortion continues. Case in point - the pictures showing the Toad Protection Area to be roped off were abruptly changed after FEWWA ran an advertisement.

The "Proposed Site Plan" shown on the same section of the website does not include the area

that will be off limits that is in the plan being voted on by the council.

As long as the misinformation continues, the only thing that is certain - if this project is ever built, it will not be the same as is being represented.

Doug Heussler
Crystal Beach
Summer resident



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Meals on Wheels still visible in the community after relocating its office

Non-profit group in its 40th year, now serving clients out of St. Paul's Anglican Church

Kris Dubé
The Times

A relocation of its main office doesn't mean Fort Erie Meals on Wheels isn't as active as it has ever been.

But the local non-profit group wants to make sure

it is still visible in the community.

On Tuesday, Meals on Wheels held an open house at its new location, inside St. Paul's Anglican Church, next to the Fort Erie Nursery Co-op.

Tim Wisbey, the organization's treasurer and

chair of finance, said moving from its former spot at the Douglas Memorial site has its benefits but also creates a need to put the word out to Greater Fort Erie that hot and fresh meals are still available, despite moving a few kilometres away.

It will provide better access for their food suppliers and puts them closer to the banks they use to handle accounts...

...but may cause some confusion with temporary clients who have become used to stopping by the former office to sign up.

"That's something we're looking to resolve and we need to make sure people know where we've moved to," said Wisbey.

What makes the relocation special, is that it comes in Fort Erie Meals on Wheels' 40th year

of presence in the community.

It started in 1971 with seven clients and currently serves 185 active clients.

Last year, a total of \$18,412 hot meals were enjoyed by those who use Meals on Wheels.

"We've come a long way," said executive director Nancy Ryan.

She said these numbers do fluctuate, depending on demand and the change of the season.

"Several clients do cut back in the summer months because they're more active and are able to do their own shopping," she said.

What does complicate things in a way, is how many of the volunteers are seniors and decide to travel south until the snow melts. At the same time, demand rises in the winter because less clients are able to get out and about to a local grocery store.

"As the snowbirds fly south, we lose a core group of our volunteers," said Ryan.

Although the organization still operates after 40 years with the same goals, it is increasingly difficult to manage without financial contributions from the community.

Service clubs who usually donate are more frugal because of their own declining revenues, food prices are rising, along with the cost of containers food is stored in.

Wisbey said the objective is to keep prices for clients at where they are now, but this will only last for so long if contributions from elsewhere aren't made.

"It's always a challenge," said Wisbey.

"We are extremely reluctant to raise prices for our clients."

Hot meals continue to be prepared at Gilmore Lodge and administrator of the local nursing home Bev Goodman is pleased to be able to continue working with Meals on Wheels.

"It really is a great partnership," she said.

For more information, contact Fort Erie Meals on Wheels at (905) 871-9366.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICANT/OWNER: 456941 ONTARIO LTD.



TOWN OF FORT ERIE

DATE: November 7, 2011
TIME: 6:00pm
LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Application: 350309-0339

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS



PROPOSED CHANGE

A Zoning By-Law Amendment application has been received for the Alliston Woods West Draft Plan of Subdivision, which was approved in 2010. To meet a condition of Draft Plan approval, the applicant must rezone the lands in accordance with the Draft Plan. The applicant is requesting that the lands be rezoned from a Neighbourhood Development RD Zone to a site-specific Residential Multiple RM1 Zone (Part 1) and to an Open Space OS Zone (Part 2). The site-specific Residential Multiple RM1 Zone will mostly provisions relating to lot frontage, lot area, front, side and rear yard setbacks, planting strip, and lot coverage.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Incorporated on the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request a written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-Law Amendment, please send a letter (to the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6

MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Kira Dolch, Manager of Development Approvals at (905) 871-1600 extension 2502. A copy of the information report will be available to the public on November 4, 2011. The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application.

After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, Council-in-Committee at this meeting will consider a recommendation report on the Zoning By-Law Amendment application.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the By-Law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Erie to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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If you do not attend the public meeting but wish to be notified of the adoption of the Zoning By-Law Amendment, you are required to make a written request to the Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2011

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk

Rick Brady, Director of Community and Development Services

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TOWN OF FORT ERIE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

APPLICANT/OWNER: ROBERT BITNER

Application: 250006-0340

DATE: November 7, 2011

TIME: 6:00pm

LOCATION: Town Hall, Council Chambers

PROPOSED CHANGE

An application for Zoning By-Law Amendment for the lands located at 302 Prospect Point Road South has been received. The application proposes to change the zoning from Hazard H Zone to a Site Specific Hazard H Zone to permit a detached garage to be constructed in the front yard and within the 1-100 foot flood elevation as determined by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

HAVE YOUR SAY

input on the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, Council-in-Committee at the Town of Fort Erie will be asked to approve or reject the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

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MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matthew Kierulff, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507. A copy of the information/recommendation report will be available to the public on November 4, 2011. The information/recommendation report will be available in the Council agenda of the Town Web Site: www.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2011

Carolyn Keir, Town Clerk

Richard Brady, Director of Community and Development Services

REQUEST PROPOSAL/QUOTATION/TENDER

(1) SALE OF LANDS BY PUBLIC TENDER THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the Land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on November 1, 2011 at the Municipal Centre, Clerk's Department, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at The Municipal Centre, Conference Room 1 at 3:05 p.m.

Description of Land(s)	Minimum Tender Amount \$
1. ARCADIA ST NS, PLAN 66 LOT 41 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18301, PLAN 64239-0237131	\$5,523.28
2. ARCADIA ST NS, PLAN 66 LOT 42 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18301, PLAN 64239-0236131	\$5,543.14
3. ARCADIA ST NS, PLAN 66 LOT 43 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18302, PLAN 64239-0235131	\$5,543.14
4. ARCADIA ST NS, PLAN 66 LOT 44 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18303, PLAN 64239-0234131	\$5,543.14
5. ARCADIA ST NS, PLAN 66 LOT 45 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18304, PLAN 64239-0233131	\$5,543.14
6. ARCADIA ST NS, PLAN 66 LOT 46 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18305, PLAN 64239-0232131	\$5,543.14
7. ARCADIA ST NS, PLAN 66 LOT 47 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18306, PLAN 64239-0231131	\$5,543.14
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18. BROOK ST SS, PLAN 66 LOT 71 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18400, PLAN 64239-0203131	\$4,626.78
19. BROOK ST SS, PLAN 66 LOT 72 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18401, PLAN 64239-0202131	\$4,626.78
20. BROOK ST SS, PLAN 66 LOT 73 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18402, PLAN 64239-0201131	\$4,626.78
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31. BROOK ST SS, PLAN 66 LOT 84 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18413, PLAN 64239-0189131	\$4,626.78
32. BROOK ST SS, PLAN 66 LOT 85 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18414, PLAN 64239-0188131	\$4,626.78
33. BROOK ST SS, PLAN 66 LOT 86 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18415, PLAN 64239-0187131	\$4,626.78
34. BROOK ST SS, PLAN 66 LOT 87 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18416, PLAN 64239-0186131	\$4,626.78
35. BROOK ST SS, PLAN 66 LOT 88 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18417, PLAN 64239-0220131	\$4,626.78
36. BROOK ST SS, PLAN 66 LOT 89 NP406, 03.00F 355.000 • ROLL NUMBER 2763 020 027 18418, PLAN 64239-0221131	\$4,626.78
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Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or certified cheque by a bank or trust corporation payable to the Municipal Corporation and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchaser.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax and HST if applicable.

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Councillor needs more details about gaming license appeal

Kris Dubé
The Times

A report that gave council two options to move ahead with the issue of a local non-profit group's bingo license has been tabled.

Last month, the Friends of Crystal Beach (FOCB) had its bingo license suspended because of political content on its website, opposing the Town of Fort Erie's partnership with a developer to build a 12-storey condominium project on the south side of Erie Road, an issue that has been on the forefront for a

number of years.

Following the Community Gaming and Development Corporation's decision to strip the FOCB of its bingo license because of its political motives, members of the group contested the decision through delegations at a council meeting and have since appealed the suspension.

The discussion at Monday's council-in-committee meeting, dealt with what direction would be taken in the appeal process and the opportunity the non-profit group would be granted to explain its case.

The first option was to

appoint three members of council to a gaming appeals committee who would sit in on the process.

The second, for council to recognize the need for an impartial party and direct the director of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) to review and determine the group's eligibility to hold a lottery license.

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts feels the second option would place restrictions on the FOCB during the appeal process.

"Do the FOCB have the opportunity to share their views?" he asked.

"We're limiting their opportunity to appeal," said Lubberts, who also feels the group should be given the chance to take a route they are prepared for and were under the impression would be taken on this matter.

"I think we're obligated to allow them to go through the process they were expecting," added Lubberts.

Town clerk Carolyn Kett explained the FOCB will have a chance to explain its stance on the issue and the end decision will still be examined, despite how some members of council interpret the process.

"The AGCO may not use the term 'appeal' but they will review a decision," said Kett.

The clerk also explained that the group is no longer able to raise funds or spend money raised with its bingo license while it has been suspended.

The FOCB will be holding its annual five-kilometre run this weekend, therefore any costs related to the event will be taken from the group's general account and not its bingo funds, explained manager of community gaming and development Russ Wilson.

He concurred with Kett's

comments from Monday night, that if it is apparent the group had used money from its bingo account, it could cause more issues. He also said the FOCB is aware of this.

"It would be no different than any other organization that was under suspension for any infraction... subsequent actions would follow," said Wilson.

The report has been tabled until next Tuesday's regular council meeting, when Lubberts is hoping for an explanation from the AGCO about what the protocol for the review is.

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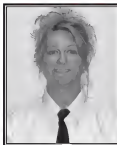
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likely to be one of the nearly 787 people injured in fires in 2009." Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
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Now, Puttick, an 11-year veteran of the FEFD, is receiving more attention, after it was announced that later this summer he will be receiving the Firefighters Association of Ontario's award of merit for his actions. He is still as modest as he was back when he first had all the accolades being thrown at him.

"I thought it was done and over, but then all of a sudden it's back again," he said.

Puttick is thankful for the award, but says it's the FEFD as a whole that deserves all the credit. It isn't just one individual that deserves all the media attention, it's the hard work and dedication every member lives by every day.

"Every volunteer firefighter is a hero that's proud of the job we do," said Puttick.

A perfect example of a typical day for a firefighter, could be seen at the annual FEFD awards banquet earlier

this month. In the middle of the ceremony, a fire call could be heard over the scanners and several volunteers rushed out the door to respond.

"The paper goes off and away we go. It doesn't matter what we're doing at the time," said Puttick, who is also an employee of the Town of Fort Erie.

Chief of the FEFD Larry Coplin, congratulated Puttick for his award, but mostly for the attitude and dedication he has as a firefighter.

"He just does what he has to do, to get the job done," said Coplin.

Firefighters go through a rigorous training program and are always told to consider their own safety first, if adrenaline starts to take over on the scene of an accident or fire. The FEFD doesn't encourage reckless behaviour, but sometimes acting outside of experience is necessary.

"There are instances that come up, that don't quite fit into anything they've been trained to do," said Coplin. And in this case, Puttick went beyond what is expected of him and for that he is being awarded.

"There's no doubt about it, he put himself in harm's way to save this woman's life," said Coplin.

At Monday's regular council meeting, mayor Doug Martin presented Puttick with an award, on behalf of the Town of Fort Erie.



Mayor Doug Martin presents Rob Puttick with an award at a Fort Erie council meeting, as the brave firefighters wife Catherine Jane Henningsham-Puttick stands proudly in the background.



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It is recommended to have a device with a ULC certification (Underwriters Laboratories of Canada standards), but above all it is important to have a detector that works. There are now smoke detectors available that work with lithium batteries that can last for up to 10 years. This model is more environmentally responsible and less expensive in the long run. Lithium battery smoke detectors are exactly the same as those that use 9 volt batteries. They have certain advantages, especially for those who have a tendency to forget to change the batteries - a practice that should be carried out every time we change the clocks. The lithium battery is sealed and cannot be taken out, making it much safer. The price is more interesting than the combined cost of a detector and its batteries over a comparable period.



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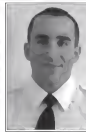
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is also possible to specialize and some can possess highly specific skills. What is surprising about this profession is that it includes people from very different trades and professions, who have in common a highly developed sense of duty and altruism to the point of putting their own lives in danger. They also have an extremely high level of physical fitness. Volunteer firefighters are found mostly in lightly populated municipalities or in a grouping of municipalities covering a large area.



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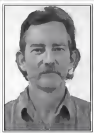
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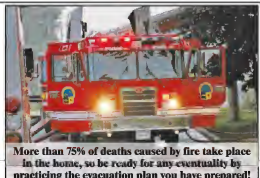
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the neighbours.

The children have to understand that the priority is getting out of the house and that going back inside is not an option. Teach them how to leave safely — by checking to see if the door of their room is hot, then kneeling down and opening it slowly. If they cannot leave their bedroom, your children should open their window, hang out a piece of fabric and wait for someone to come and get them, always remaining where they can be seen. Practice your evacuation plan a few times, explaining to your children that this is a prevention tool and not something that should frighten them.



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The www.knowfire.ca web site hosts a collection of videos produced by students, for students and their parents. Each presents a very real student fire scenario. Funds were raised through a public/private sector partnership that saw companies such as Kiddie Canada and Duracell sign on their support. Response to the site has been tremendous across Canada and the United States.

These four tips can help students avoid fire tragedy:

1. Inspect the premises: Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and install fresh batteries. Ensure that there is at least one smoke alarm on each floor of the building and

outside sleeping areas. Installing a smoke alarm right in a student's bedroom is also a smart idea. Know two escape routes from each room.

2. Never tamper with alarms: Never remove a smoke alarm or its batteries. To deal with false alarms, install alarms that have a "Hush" button so the student can silence the alarm safely while the air clears.
3. Replace old alarms: Smoke alarms wear out. Replace all smoke alarms over 10 years old – whether they are battery operated or hardwired into the electrical system.
4. Use flameless candles: For mood-lighting, use flameless candles instead of the real thing. Many student fires are caused by candles knocked over or left burning after everyone turns in for the night.

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KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Reverend Mark Gladding from St. Paul's Anglican Church visited the Fort Erie SPCA on Tuesday to bless all the animals at the local shelter. This is an annual tradition that has been taking place for over a decade. "Aqua," a lab-boxer mix was more than willing to pose for a photo with Gladding.

Operational review getting started

➤ Holding meetings behind closed doors could cause problems, says mayor

Kris Dubé
The Times

An operational review of Town Hall has started, and all the details of how it will unfold were discussed at a special council meeting on Monday.

Council and staff met with Western Management, the firm contracted to conduct the \$91,247 assessment of

efficiency within the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie.

Mayor Doug Martin, Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular and Ward 4 Coun. John Hill will sit on a steering committee.

A representative from the firm suggested all meetings with the committee should be held behind closed doors, but according to mayor Martin that could cause problems.

"That's the challenge we have, based on the fact we have a number of challenges to our closed session meetings," he said referring to the nine

appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board over the last five years that have sprouted up due to closed-session meetings.

The committee will meet with the consultants throughout the process.

The purpose of the operational review is to examine levels of efficiency at Town Hall.

Council set aside \$150,000 for the review and opted to accept Western Management's bid for \$91,247 earlier this year.

On June 13, council submitted their ranking of what would be the best group to go ahead with the operational review, with KPMG Consulting coming out on top, with its \$52,850 asking price. The Randolph Group (\$44,318) and Tim L. Dobbie Consulting (\$28,250) were the runners-up.

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Church in Sherkston welcoming new pastor this Sunday

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Sherkston Brethren in Christ Church will welcome a new face to the congregation.

The Sherkston church will open their arms to its new senior pastor, Reverend Dale Shaw as he gives his first sermon this Sunday.

Shaw says he became a pastor when he was 21 — it's something that "sort of just happened" to him.

"Something came to me and I just had to follow it."

Originally from Lion's Head, Ont., Shaw has pastored in Powassan, Stayner and Collingwood. He has served the Brethren in Christ Churches as the director of Evangelism and Church Planting in Canada and the United States.

While acting as the executive director, he oversaw the beginning of several church planting sites across North America.

The pastor has also trav-

elled to Nepal, India, Africa and parts of Europe. Shaw says every place he has visited and all of the people he has met has given him an amazing experience for him.

He says he enjoys working with new people and seeing them change in a positive way through his services.

"I like to see people without purpose define their purpose in life. It's great to see people and

see how wonderful the world is."

Shaw says he brings a positive energy to his sermons and he hopes to bring a fresh perspective on the community while he is working here.

"I bring synergy to my sermons. I love to help people become better people and I love to do something great for the community."

The pastor says it won't be easy, but he is looking forward to his first sermon

and seeing a crowd of new faces on Sunday.

"I will be excited but nervous at the same time because it is very important — I want to see people care about the community and I want them to be joyful."

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Donations being collected to cover local firefighter's medical costs

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Friends and family are inviting everyone to help support a volunteer firefighter and youth services officer living in Fort Erie.

Mark Lewis, 31, is battling a rare form of cancer known as angio-sarcoma — his family and friends are rallying support for him as Mark is about to

undergo four months of intensive chemotherapy starting this Tuesday.

Angio-sarcoma is a form of cancer known for spreading quickly into the body's blood vessels and in the muscles — only 20 to 30 people are diagnosed with it each year, Mark says.

"Right now they're worried about my lungs which is why I am headed for four months of very intensive

chemo."

After having had multiple tests, Mark says doctors couldn't find anything wrong with him until he was given a biopsy on his spleen — that's when his cancer was found. Mark's spleen was removed because it had multiple tumors on it.

With two young children, Tyson, 7, and Carson, 3, and his wife Alesha who is a stay-at-home mother, Mark works as a volunteer firefighter locally... and as a youth services officer at Roy McMurtry Youth Centre in Brampton to support his family.

Mark's family has faced many challenges since he has been diagnosed because he is unable to work and neither of his positions offer benefits to cover his medical costs.

"Two days before my surgery I was laid off from

my position (as a youth services officer). I went from a full-time worker to non-steady hours and I can't work because I am sick. I'm not special by any means and I wasn't the only one that was laid off. It's just unfortunate timing."

Mark's friends decided they needed to step up and help in any way they could.

"My friends came to me and told me they thought it was ridiculous what had happened and they wanted to help. They decided they wanted to throw a fundraiser for my family."

Ryan Prollington has been a friend of Mark's for a long time and he's helping to plan a bar night with lots of games and fun in Hamilton on Oct. 15. The fundraiser will be held at the Lookout Lounge with doors opening at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$20 at the door.

"There are still a lot of details up in the air, but there will be games, door prizes, a raffle, a silent auction and a DJ. We're trying to raise as much money as possible," says Prollington.

Donations can also be made to Mark in a bank account set up in his name at the Bank of Canada. Anyone can drop by the bank and donate money. The account number is 5060900 and the transit number is 00482.

The account will be closed after Oct. 15, but anyone who is interested in making a contribution can attend another fundraiser hosted by the Firefighters of Crystal Beach in Mark's honour.

The event is at the Crystal Beach Fire Hall on Nov. 11 with doors open-

ing at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door and includes entry for a door prize.

There will be a licensed bar, raffles and a 50/50 draw throughout the evening.

Mark says he hopes to be back working as soon as possible — both of his jobs are important to him because they allow him to give back to the community and help people.

"I'm fighting, I'm doing whatever I can to get healthy again. I'm committed to coming back to the best of my abilities and I am not letting this illness get me down."

Mark says he would like to thank all of his friends for their support because it means a lot to him.

"I feel blessed. It makes me feel touched by all of the support and generosity and I appreciate all the people around me."

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KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

General Vanier Public School students Alex Park, left, Kayla Bridges and Kristan Piper took part in a mock election on Wednesday. Students exercised their right to vote and learned a valuable lesson in democracy.

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KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Meteors clearing their zone in the first period of a 3-0 loss to the Stoney Creek Warriors on Wednesday. The team's current record is 3-7. On Oct. 15, a breast cancer fundraiser will be held when they face the Thorold Blackhawks at home at 7:15 p.m.

Meteors shooting for a cure

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Fort Erie Meteors want to win... that's the whole point behind competitive sports.

But they are also hoping to raise money and awareness for the Breast Cancer Society, at its Oct. 15 game against the Thorold Blackhawks at the Leisureplex.

Players from the local Jr. B unit will be sporting pink jerseys and socks, which will then be auctioned off at the game's conclusion. The Meteors wish to thank A-1 Quality Flooring and Fort Erie Physiotherapy for pitching in as corporate sponsors for the event, paying for the colourful attire the team will dress in during the game.

There will be vendors, a 50/50 draw and a Shoot for the Cure contest during both

intermissions, where fans will have the chance to impress the crowd and make a donation to the cause at the same time.

Volunteers and donations from the community are still needed to make the night a success and anyone interested can call (905) 871-7462 to inquire about how they can help in some way.

Focusing on the team's on-ice performance, director of hockey operations Tony Passero said Wednesday's night's 3-0 loss at home to the Stoney Creek Warriors is proof that discipline is still an issue, as the Meteors found themselves short-handed nine times throughout the 60 minutes.

"That's a whole period sitting in the penalty box, you can't do that," said Passero.

Solid netminding from Matt Stuart kept the Meteors in the game, but Passero says the entire team needs to function as a cohesive unit that can't rely on its goalie every game to bail them out.

"We need to buckle down and finish the chances we get."

The Meteors' current record is 3-7 heading into this Saturday's road game against Leamington. On Sunday, they visit the Welland Jr. Canadians and on Fri. Oct. 14 will meet the Port Colborne Pirates after a short trip up Hwy. 3.

On Sat. Oct. 15, the Thorold Blackhawks are in town, the same night the fundraiser for breast cancer will be held.

Leading the team in scoring with 14 points is Jordan Bailey, brother of the New York Islanders' Josh Bailey. Behind him is Jesse Parker and Nik Passero with 12 points and Brock Malatchuk with 11 points.

Public Notice

Public Consultation and Information Sessions for the Fort Erie Elementary Schools Accommodation Review will be held at the following schools:

Wednesday, October 19, 2011
5:00 p.m.

GARRISON ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL
1110 Garrison Road, Fort Erie

(Information will be available on Garrison Road Public School)

Wednesday, October 19, 2011
6:00 p.m.

GENERAL VANIER PUBLIC SCHOOL
105 Torrance Street, Fort Erie

(Information will be available on General Vanier School)

Wednesday, October 19, 2011
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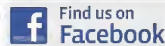
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Wednesday, October 19, 2011
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ROSE SEATON PUBLIC SCHOOL
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Schools involved in the review area are:
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KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Last Sunday, Nino D'Ambra Hair and Aesthetics held a fundraiser for Women's Place of South Niagara and were able to bring in \$1,800 for the cause. The winner of a colour, cut and highlight was Shawn Watson and the 50/50 draw was won by Chuck Montana. In this photo are Jen Drury, Melissa Warren, Dr. Jillian Hartman-Grelowski, Maria Costa, Nino D'Ambra and Johanna Keus.

New doctor in Ridgeway

Ridgeway, Crystal Beach and the surrounding area have a new urgent care centre which opened Oct. 7.

The clinic is meant to take care of residents' urgent but not emergency conditions.

The urgent care centre on 315 Ridge Rd. North will only have one physician, Dr. George Virapen, serving the centre until new physicians can be recruited. Its hours of operation are

Thursdays and Fridays from 1 p.m. To 5 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. during the first three weeks of the month.

The centre will be closed the last week of every month. As soon as more physicians can be found, the clinic will operate on a full 7-day service.

For residents who are unable to attend the clinic, Dr. Virapen will make three

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Phone 289 876-8707 for more information.

Change in venue for business awards

Due to the overwhelming response in ticket sales, the Business Excellence Awards will have a change of venue to accommodate the large crowd.

The winners of the annual awards will be announced from the

Crystal Ridge Community Centre on Oct. 14 from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

There will be a wine reception by Jackson Triggs Niagara Estate Winery, with hors d'oeuvres at the Pomegranate Restaurant

from Fort Erie Secondary School and entertainment provided by pianist Frank Krahn. Tickets are still available. For more information phone the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce at 905-871-3803.

Provide your input to the proposed REGULATIONS UPDATE

Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation (Ontario Regulation 155/06)

In 2007, as part of the provincial government's *Open for Business* initiative, the Province established the Conservation Authority Liaison Committee (CALC). The CALC included representation from the building industry, agricultural organizations, municipalities, and environmental organizations.

Due to feedback through CALC, it became evident to the provincial government, that amendments to both the Conservation Authorities Act and the Section 28 Regulations were required so Conservation Authorities would be better able to serve their clients more efficiently.

The next step in this reform process is for each Authority to draft conforming amendments. In the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's case this means an update to its own Section 28 Regulation, being Ontario Regulation 155/06.

It is important to note that these amendments are intended to be of an administrative and housekeeping nature and do not expand any regulatory authority or jurisdictional area of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA).

The proposed Regulations Update is available for public review Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm until **October 28th, 2011** at Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Administration Office located at 250 Thorold Road West, 3rd Floor, Welland, ON L3C 3W2. The document may also be accessed on the NPCA website at: www.npca.ca

Invitation to Comment on the Proposed Regulations Update

If you or your organization have any comments you would like to make on the proposed Regulations Update, please submit them in writing **no later than 4:30 pm, October 28, 2011** to:

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ARGITOS, Helen Gayle - Passed away peacefully on Friday, September 30, 2011 at the age of 72 years at the Douglas Memorial Hospital. Helen was the wife of the late John Argitos (1994) and predeceased by her parents, Gerald and Catherine Peacock. She is survived by Margie Pilley, Jack Peacock, Kay Blough and Mary Whitehead. Cherished mother of Kevin Blough (Cheryl) and Darlene Wilcox (Roy). Beloved grandmother of Todd Wilcox (Stacy), Travis Wilcox (Elizabeth), Krystal Wilcox, Ryan Blough (Dorinda) and Kara Blough (Matt) and great-grandmother of Lynne Wilcox (Markana) Blough. Helen will be sadly missed by her good friend Ford Whiting, siblings Mary Peacock (Ross), Gent Sherk (Georgie) and Anne McPhee (Bill) and several nieces and nephews. Friends may call at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway from 2-4 and 7-9 on Sunday. Funeral services in the chapel Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment will follow at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. Memorial donations would be appreciated to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or to the Canadian Diabetes Association in lieu of flowers. Sharing pictures, memories and condolences to the family at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

DE SIMONE, Antonio - It is with saddened hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Antonio De Simone on Monday, October 3, 2011 at his 82nd year with his loving family by his side. Antonio is survived by his cherished wife of 65 years, Olga (Cuttifelli), and was dearly loved father of Marcello and his wife Cathy and Anne and her husband John Van Koughnet. He was a devoted and very proud Neno to his beloved grandchildren Julie Ann, and David and his Laura Van Koughnet, Michael and Stephen De Simone, and his great-granddaughters Natalie and Eleanor Van Koughnet, and he will be greatly missed. Antonio will be remembered by in-laws Giovanna Cuttifelli, Vincenza De Simone, Lino and Andrea Cuttifelli, and his many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Berardo and Angela Maria De Simone, siblings Maria and Franco, father and mother-in-law Cirio and Patrizia Cuttifelli, and in-laws Goffredo Cuttifelli and Flora and Zeffeno D'Angelo. Born in Colbrenconico, Abruzzo, Italy, Antonio proudly served his country during WWII before immigrating in 1952 to his new country Canada. He worked for Horton OIL selling after a year of service and was a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and the Italo-Canadian Club. Antonio was committed to hard work and building a better life for his family. His passions were gardening and winemaking. He loved Olga's home cooking, telling stories and above all, spending time with his family. A sincere thank you to Dr. Spencer and staff at Maple Park Lodge for their excellent care and compassion. Your kindness will always be remembered. The family will receive their friends and relatives at the **HARMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME**, 21 Winemulder Street, Fort Erie on Tuesday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Vigil prayers will be offered at the funeral home Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Fort Erie on Wednesday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. The Rite of Committal with Entombment at Pleasantview Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, Fortville. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Antonio's memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. On-line condolences www.harmond-davidsonfuneralhome.com

COLE, Blanche Emaline Jane - Peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Saturday October 1, 2011 at the age of 84 years. Blanche Cole, beloved wife of the late Gordon Cole (2008) and loving mother of Margie Trudel, Blaine (Diane) Cole and Don (Krim) Cole. Much loved grandmother of Elizabeth, Dwayne, Darryl, Douglas, Lancia, Sherry, Leah, Stacey and Dietrich. Dear sister of Jean (Edward) and Doreen (John) and sister-in-law of Betty Kovacs (Julius), Don (Joan) Cole and Edwin (Phyllis) Hardy. Also fondly remembered by her 22 great grandchildren. Blanche was proud of her accomplishment of returning to school later in life and successfully becoming a Nurses Aide. She was employed at Crescent Park Lodge in Fort Erie for eighteen years. Friends called at the **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway from 2-4 and 7-9 Wednesday. Funeral services in the chapel were held on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment will follow at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations would be appreciated to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

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HAUN, "Ozzie" Osborn - On Sunday, October 2nd, 2011, Ozzie passed away peacefully at Douglas Memorial Hospital at the age of 85. Survived by his loving wife, Kils of 56 years, daughters Cheryl (Kevin) Booth and Linell (Gord) Radmond. Devoted grandfather of Tonya Cole, Josh Opotynski, Jomay Lee Harris and Caitlin and Kyle Redman and great-grandfather of William, Izzy and Kayla. Ozzie will fondly be remembered by his sister Doris Pison, brother Ross (Gerry) Haun and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters Vivian Newman and Pearl Rees and brother Douglas Haun. Ozzie worked for R.E. Law for 25 years followed by 18 years of employment with the Niagara Region. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 230 for over 50 years and a devoted member St John's Lutheran Church, Gasline. Visitation for Ozzie was held at 11 o'clock on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment followed at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. In memory of Ozzie, memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Canadian Cancer Society or to St. John's Lutheran Church, Gasline. On line guest register www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

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PIRSON, Evelyn May - On Wednesday, October 5th, 2011, Evelyn peacefully passed away at the Granger General Hospital at the age of 86 years. She is predeceased by her husband Clarence and will be sadly missed by her sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren. A private service will be held at **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway. In memory of Evelyn, those who wish may donate to the Fort Erie S.P.C.A. On line guest register www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

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RUCH, Marion Ruth - On Monday October 3rd, 2011, Marion peacefully passed away at Douglas Memorial Hospital in her 91st year. Beloved wife of Kenneth, for 65 years, dear mother of Daniel (Pamela) and Jeanette Cross (David), cherished grandmother of Jason (Shawna), Eric (Julie), Steven and Bobby (Ashley) and great grandmother to Riley. She is predeceased by her sisters Alice and Helen and by her brother Kenneth. A private service will be held at **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Building Fund. On line guest register www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

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STEWART, Edward E. - Peacefully at Douglas Memorial Hospital on Thursday, September 29, 2011, Edward Stewart in his 86th year, beloved companion of Beverly Pish for over 50 years, dear father of Pam, brother of Cliff (Linda) of Ridgeway, Bud (Dolores) of Niagara Falls, NY, Tom (Annie) of Lindsay, Nancy Gaudier (John) & the late Maude, Russell, Robert, Victor, David, Fred. Ed was the son of the late Rose & Ernest Stewart. He retired from Wire Weaving in Niagara Falls, ON, & later from the Fort Erie Race Track. He also served as Alderman in Niagara Falls, ON. At Ed's request cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Ed's life will be held at the later date. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, (905) 694-0120

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Card of thanks

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

STROM, Alec - The family of the late Alec (Heinold) Strom would like to express their sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, sympathy and support from family and friends. Your presence at the visitations and funeral service, the words of comfort, the flowers and cards, the memorial donations and the never ending support will always be remembered in our hearts. Thank you to Dr. Risaigopal and staff at GRIH and DMH for all the care administered in the last few years of his life. A very special thank you to Dr. Schier for his compassionate care, Pastor Julia Ramero for his touching services, Darren Flagg at Benner Funeral Services for his special attention to details, Wayne Ashworth and the staff at Crescent Gardens for all the outstandingly beautiful floral arrangements, the pallbearers, David Blackmore and his beloved eulogy, all the delicious food that was sent to our homes and to the staff at Ridgeway Country Club for the lovely luncheon. We would also like to specially mention Peggy Heckman, Linda Macdonald and Sarah Garwood for their contributions to the funeral service. We thank you all so much for volunteering your time and making the service the beautiful one that it was. We will be forever grateful to our staff members who displayed phenomenal support during this sad time and also to TDLC executives and staff for their relentless efforts and continued support. Our hearts will never forget the kindness and comfort that was demonstrated by our friends Niki Schier and Paul Bright who stood by our sides throughout the final hours and continued their support to the very end. Our sincerest gratitude, The Strom Family

Miss Me-But Let Me Go

Now that I have come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no bliss in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember this love that we once shared
Miss me-but let me go
For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone
It is all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to friends we know
And pray your souls in doing good deeds
Miss me-but let me go

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We are sad when our memory,
Lonely are our thoughts today.
For the one loved so dearly,
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PASQUALE "PAT" MAULICCI

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Special thanks goes to Fr. Joe and Fr. Don, Joan Hogala and Darren Flagg (Benner Funeral Services) for their gracious assistance, spiritual messages and beautiful music for the funeral service. Pat was an important part of our family and he will be truly missed and cherished. Carmela Maulicci & family.

"A life that touches others goes on forever."

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In memoriam

In loving memory of
Elbert J. Doornekamp
October 30, 1974 - October 11, 2010

The moment that you died
My heart split in two
The one side filled with memories,
The other side died with you
I often lay awake at night,
When the world is fast asleep,
And take a walk down memory lane,
With tears upon my cheeks
Remembering you is easy,
I do it everyday.
But missing you is a heartache
That never goes away
I hold you tightly within my heart,
And there you will remain,
Life has gone on without you,
But will never be the same.

Love Mom

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In loving memory of
Elbert Doornekamp

We thought of you with love today but that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday and days before that too.
We think of you in silence, we often speak your name.
All we have are memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part.
God has you in His keeping we have you in our heart.

We miss you
Love Clair, Bob, Morgan & Ethlen

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Annual Volunteer Fair set for Oct. 18 at Leisureplex

Fifty local agencies expected to attend, hoping to recruit more local

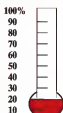
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Idle hands looking for something to do should explore the 7th annual Fort Erie Volunteer Fair and Community Services Information Expo.

"There will be about 42 to 50 agencies at the Leisureplex Banquet Hall — everything from the United Way to the Air

Cadets and St. John's Ambulance," says Russ Wilson, general manager of community gaming and health and wellness.

Each year, Fort Erie's volunteer fair has seen a steady flow of residents learn about different ways they can get involved in the community and there is certainly no shortage of opportunities in the community.

"I would say the people who attend the fair is in the hundreds. There's opportunities for volunteerism for people of any age — from 10 year-olds to 80 year-olds. There is something for everyone."

Wilson says there will be lots of organizations looking for volunteers at the fair such as the Air Cadets, Meals on Wheels and the Fort Erie Multicultural Society.

He's hoping the fair will also encourage the youth in Fort Erie to get involved in the many different organizations in the community.

"We're trying to spark an interest in the younger generation and this fair allows people to see what is out there."

There are many benefits to visiting the volunteer fair whether a volunteer is young or old. These benefits include gaining the necessary volunteer hours to graduate from high school, to network for future employment, and of course giving back to the community, says Wilson.

It's also a chance to find out how to get involved, he says.

"Sometimes people want to get involved in organizations such as the Legion but they just don't know

how — this is where they can do that."

He adds the volunteer fair is also a way for people to learn about the services offered in the community that they might not even realize are there.

Wilson says a community is only as strong as its volunteers and he is hoping the tradition of volunteering will grow in Fort Erie.

"Residents of Fort Erie always meet the call to support the community through volunteerism."

The volunteer fair and community services expo is on Oct. 18 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Fort Erie Leisureplex Banquet Hall.

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Bouquet

To the person who referred to having a brick and a letter to the editor in the same issue with the same message as "double dipping." You are right and if someone does have a political opinion they should attach their name to it and not hide behind anonymity.

Brick

To police officers who take up an entire lane when pulling someone over for speeding. It isn't safe and I'm a concerned citizen who has noticed this along Hwy. 3 a few times lately.

Brick

To the confusing laws in place that have to do with trees and what needs to be done if they are deemed unsafe. When they are considered to be an issue it seems it quickly becomes a problem for the closest property owner when reality is what the issue is. The town who handles the situation.

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